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humor, conscious and otherwise, will occasionally sprout forth even in the best regulated of courts. To one who has spent much time over decisions, trying to deduce points of law from the none too lucid exposition in which they are (to express it conservatively) occasionally concealed, this book will cause the same kind of surprise which the operator of a turnip patch might feel at the sight of a bouquet of wild flowers culled therein, but which he had never before noticed.

The authorities are found in the decisions of the highest courts, as well as those of less importance, and the owlish wisdom displayed by quotations from the former, when separated from the context, is equally as interesting as the rhetorical pyrotechnics sometimes indulged in by the latter. Occasionally an idea, having evidently become topheavy from its own dignity, lapses into the ridiculous, while in other cases judges have expressed opinions so much at variance with what is popularly accepted as to deserve notice. "Love matches," propounds one in *Brown v. Westbrook*, 27 Ga. 102, "exist only in the imagination of novelists." Again the humor quoted is intentional and exceptionally keen. "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session," is quoted in *Anonymous*, Tuck. 247.

Exactly why correctly quoted Biblical passages find a place in the collection is not plain—from the nature of the book we must infer either that such knowledge is so rare that it should be recorded as betokening literary research of great depth, or else that there is an element of humor in finding it in the judicial mind. Neither of these conclusions strike us as being particularly happy.

On the whole, although in common with many men of genius—Balzac, for instance—the author is untrammelled by the layman's idea of propriety in light literature, and inserts many quotations which, for that reason, might beneficially have been omitted, nevertheless the book contains enough that is humorous and laughable to entitle it to a place on a lawyer's shelves, by way of antidote for the "dust cough."

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